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Filed: April 11, 2001) Date: February 6, 2004
For "APPARATUS FOR...") Re: **Extension for Response**

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. This is a Petition for an extension by one month(s) of the time to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2003.
2. Applicant is ~~(not)~~ a small entity.
3. Attached is a check in the sum of \$55.00. Charge to Deposit Account 12-0415 any additional fee required or credit for any excess paid.
4. A Response to the Official Action is filed concurrently with this Petition.
5. A duplicate of this Petition is attached.

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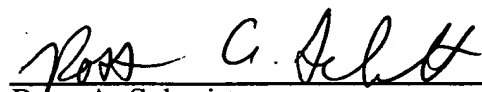
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